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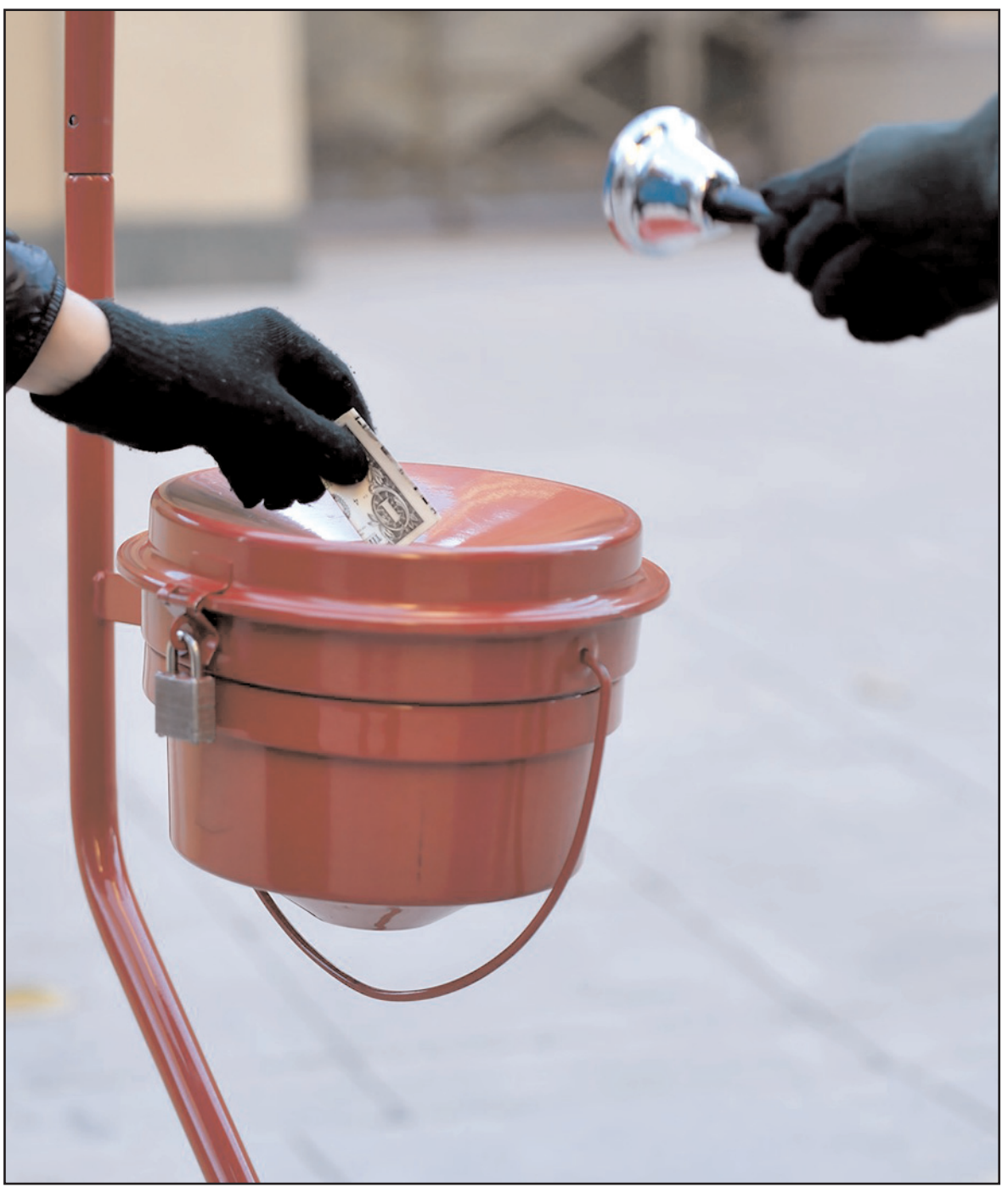
Bells are ringing…

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign is now under way



The iconic Red Kettle Christmas Campaign of the Salvation Army is now under way and in need of both volunteer bell ringers and contributions, officials said. The 133rd Red Kettle Campaign is the largest and longest-running fundraiser of its kind and is especially needed now to meet the increasing needs of families living in the United States, officials said. Funds raised in 2022 supported services for nearly 24 million people.

The goal this year has been set at $7.9 million. The campaign provides vital funds to feed, clothe and shelter individuals and families in need of support this Christmas season and throughout the year. According to Salvation Army officers, donations have been down in recent years. In 2019, the Red Kettle Campaign raised $126 million, that number dropped to $102 million in 2022. The drop is likely due to the pandemic, inflation and people no longer carry much cash with them.

The Salvation Army is the nation's largest private provider of social services and the Red Kettle Campaign funds Christmas gifts, food, shelter, and rent and utility assistance to millions of people struggling during the holiday season and beyond.

"As we head into the holidays, many of our neighbors have faced increased challenges, but The Salvation Army is committed to providing love and service to all who seek it," said Commissioner Kenneth Hodder, national commander of The Salvation Army.

Across the nation, volunteers, donors, communities, and corporations have stepped up in remarkable ways:

- The Dallas Cowboys played host to the 27th annual Red Kettle Kickoff at the Thanksgiving Day game halftime show, which featured an inspiring and highly anticipated performance by Dolly Parton. The event will also feature the ceremonial Red Kettle donation from the Gene and Jerry Jones Family Foundation.
- On Dec. 9, The Salvation Army's national commander is challenging bell ringers across the country to raise $2 million in just four hours. An interactive map with participating Red Kettle teams will be available at salarmy.us/RedKettleChallenge for those who wish to donate in person or virtually in support of the goal.
- Throughout the season, supporters can still donate to thousands of Red Kettles stationed outside storefronts at Walmart, Sam's Club, Kroger Family of Stores, Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's, Walgreens, Boscov's, Big Lots, Dillard's, Food Lion, Hobby Lobby/Mardel, JCPenney, Redner's Markets, and countless local partners.

The following options are available for those wishing to support their neighbors in need:

- Donate with cash, coins, and checks, or digitally with Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal, and Venmo, at any Red Kettle across the country.
- Provide Christmas gifts to children of local families in need through The Salvation Army Angel Tree. You can also contact your local Salvation Army about volunteering to distribute donated Angel Tree gifts.
- Contact your local Salvation Army to sign up to volunteer at a Red Kettle.
- Sign up for a sustaining gift of $25 a month at give.SalvationArmyUSA.org
- Give any amount by texting "KETTLES" to 51555.
- Donate cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin or Ethereum.

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Every donation stays in the community to provide help and hope for those in need. To give help or get help, please visit?www.SalvationArmyUSA.org.

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit is now accepting applications for Christmas assistance from residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties at all metro Detroit Salvation Army corps community centers. Families with children up to the age of 14 can apply to receive Christmas assistance from The Salvation Army corps community centers for assistance with toys and holiday meals. Senior citizens will receive grocery store gift cards.

"In a season traditionally filled with festive dinners and exchanging presents with loved ones, too many families in metro Detroit are struggling just to make ends meet and put food on the table," said Major Toni Dorrell, metro Detroit area commander. "For our neighbors in dire need that may be in the position of choosing between paying the bills and buying presents for their children this year - help is available through The Salvation Army." Applicants must provide proof of all members living in the household. Adults must provide a form of identification - which can include a driver's license or state ID - and proof that they live in the zip code served by the corps at which they are applying (such as a recent utility bill or rent lease). Names and dates of birth for children in the household are also required so that assistance with toys may be provided. Salvation Army locations are taking applications in a variety of ways, including online and by phone. Applicants must submit their application to the corps community center which serves their zip code. To learn more about how to apply, contact the nearest Salvation Army corps community center. For help finding the nearest center, visit SAmetrodetroit.org.

The historic campaign began with the effort of one man to help feed his hungry neighbors in San Francisco in 1891. Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because so many poor individuals were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty-stricken. He only had one major hurdle to overcome – funding the project.

Where would the money come from, he wondered. He lay awake nights, worrying, thinking, praying about how he could find the funds to fulfill his commitment to feed1,000 of the city's poorest individuals on Christmas Day. He recalled his days as a sailor Liverpool, England and remembered that when boats came in at Stage Landing, there was a large, iron kettle called "Simpson's Pot" into which passers-by tossed a coin or two to help the poor.

The next day McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." He soon had the money to see that the needy people were properly fed at Christmas.

Six years later, the kettle idea spread from the west coast to the Boston area. That year, the combined effort nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy. In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City provided funds for the first mammoth sit-down dinner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years.

Today in the U.S., The Salvation Army assists more than four-and-a-half million people during the Thanksgiving and Christmas time periods.

To learn more about The Salvation Army's Kettle Campaign, visit www.salvationarmy.ca/christmas-kettles/kettle-faq/.

Northville

Planning commission approves Downs plan

The final site plan for the development of the Northville Downs property was approved by a 7 to 1 vote of the members of the planning commission last week. The commissioners included some conditions on the approval issued to developer Hunter Pasteur.

Planning Commissioner Jeff Gaines cast the lone no vote on the plan.

Among the conditions was a requirement that any changes in the final Planned Urban Development (PUD) be approved by the Historic District Commission. The commission members also stipulated that construction documents verifying compliance with requirements before building permits are issued. The developer is also required to update architectural plans for different color roof shingles and different garage door styles in rowhouses and single-family attached buildings within the Historic District boundary, as represented to and approved by the Historic District Commission.

Details of 40 Electric Vehicle parking stations at the proposed apartment building and 10 stations at the condominium buildings must be included in the plans along with architectural review against zoning ordinance requirements and other applicable codes. The city engineer will review the plans to ensure the development is compliant with Americans with Disabilities legislation.

Commissioners approved a slight reduction in some garage parking spaces, as requested by the developer.

The developer will be required to work with city officials to fund the construction of a temporary farmers market location and must defer evaluation of the gateway design to the city manager and lighting levels along interior residential streets must be evaluation by the Northville police chief. Utilities and stormwater management will be reviewed by both the DPW director and the city engineer.

"The Planning Commission, city planner and developer did a lot of hard work to get to this point," said City Manager George Lahanas. "There was also tremendous input from the community and city task forces. Oversight and actions by city council, the Historic District Commission, the Downs Project Advisory Committee (DPAC), the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and city attorneys kept this project moving. It was a major effort that will yield positive results for the city in the future. This is the launching point for the next phase, which is construction."

Planning Commission Chair Donna Tinberg told the developer, "Mr. Herkowitz and team - we thank you for your patience these last many years as we worked our way through our review of this legacy project, which is going to change the face of Northville. We wish you well in the next steps and look forward to seeing the project take form."

Township honored as a Top Workplace for 2023

Northville Township employees and officials celebrated the recent designation as a 2023 Top Workplace last week. Northville is the first municipality to win the award.

Northville Township has made history. It has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2023 honor by the Detroit Free Press.

Northville Township is the first municipality in Michigan to win this award in the 15-year history of the Top Workplaces program, which recognizes outstanding employers.

The honor is based on employee feedback through a confidential survey that measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of an organization. They include alignment, execution and connection.

"On behalf of the board of trustees, I am really proud of this," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo. "Being the first local government in Michigan to achieve this status speaks volumes about our culture. Part of our mission is to enhance the quality of life for those who live in, work in and enjoy our community. This applies to our exceptional staff, too. Northville Township is special and our employees feel it."

When asked to describe the culture in Northville Township, employees reported: professional, transparent, progressive, welcoming, collaborative, honest, positive, flexible and supportive.

Additional questions revealed 85 percent of staff believes Northville Township operates by strong values. Similarly, 85 percent responded that the township is also going in the right direction. When asked if they would highly recommend working at Northville Township to others, 83 percent said yes.

Of the 156 surveys sent, 130 staff members responded. This 83.3 percent response rate is 20 percent higher than the response rate by other local governments who tried for the designation.

The survey was administered by Energage, LLC., an employee engagement technology company.

"Earning a Top Workplaces award is a badge of honor for companies, especially because it comes authentically from their employees," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "That's something to be proud of. In today's market, leaders must ensure they're allowing employees to have a voice and be heard. That's paramount. Top Workplaces do this, and it pays dividends."

"It's exciting to make history by being the first municipality in Michigan to win this honor," added Abbo. "We are happy to be the employer of choice by so many great individuals who work so well as a team."

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, is seeking sealed bids for snow removal of sidewalks, driveways, and handicap ramps using Wayne County grant monies.

Bids must include the following:

1) Commercial Vehicle insurance for all vehicles used.
2) List of equipment used to provide snow removal.
3) Employer Federal Tax I.D.
4) Copy of Business License
5) List of all drivers and their driver's license numbers.
6) Liability insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. This will also be required to be provided from each contractor if subcontractors are used to provide snow removal.
7) Workers compensation certificate if employees are used to provide service.
8) Payment to be supplied from Wayne County Grant Funds. County Regulations to be complied with.
9) Sealed bids to be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office by December 11, 2023, at 12:00 pm. Bids will be opened on December 11, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

The Township of Sumpter is an equal-opportunity employer.

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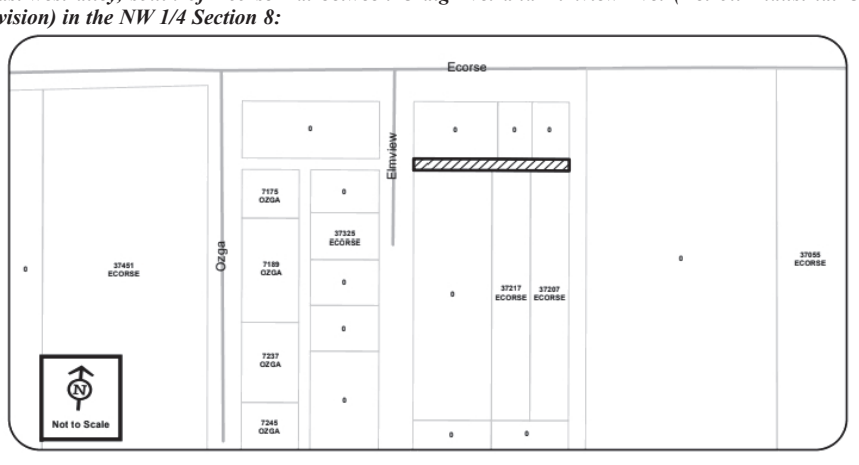
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS
ALLEY VACATION

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Romulus has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on **Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed vacation of the following alley:

The east-west alley, south of Ecorse Rd. between Craig Ave. and Elmview Ave. (Detroit Industrial Center Subdivision) in the NW 1/4 Section 8:



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Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should contact the City of Romulus Clerk's office by writing or calling City Clerk Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174; 734-942-7540. A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, CMC, Clerk
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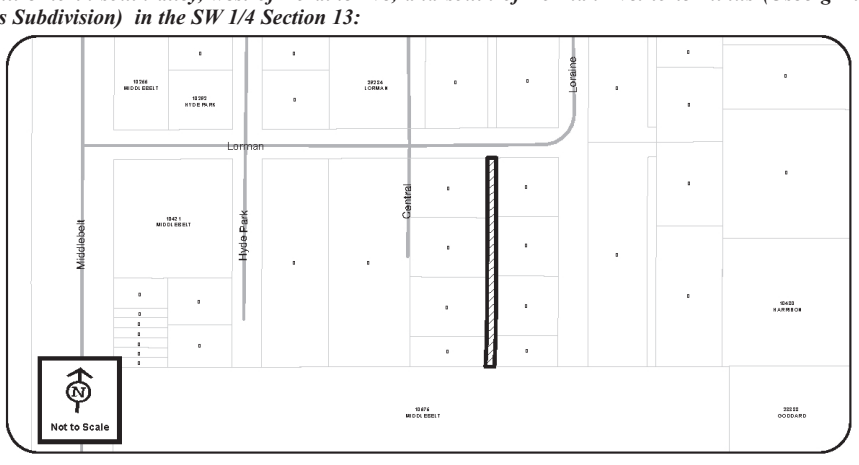
The entire north-south alley, west of Loraine Ave, and south of Lorman Ave. to terminus (Osberg Airport Estates Subdivision) in the SW 1/4 Section 13:



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ROMULUS

Still on track

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight recently updated residents about the road construction in the city. He said progress is still being made at the Wayne and Ecorse intersection and "they are still on track with opening the intersection by end of this construction season, despite the setbacks." McCraight posted some photos of the road surface installed for the west side of Wayne Road which also show the framing installed for the bypass for northbound Wayne leading to eastbound Ecorse. "Hopefully weather will continue to cooperate," the mayor said.

City to participate in Wreaths Across America

Each year, millions of Americans come together to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and their families, and teach the next generation about the value of freedom.

The City of Romulus will once again participate in the annual Wreaths Across America recognition of veterans which takes place throughout the country. The ceremony this year is planned for noon on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

The national event is a gathering of volunteers and patriots in local, state and national cemeteries in all 50 states - most recently at 3,702 participating locations - as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. Each year, a new theme is chosen to help volunteers and supporters focus their messaging and outreach in their own communities. The national nonprofit theme for 2023 is "Serve and Succeed."

More than two million volunteers and supporters will gather at more than 4,000 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad, according to the organization website.

Local residents are being asked to help support the PVT James D Donovan/ Romulus VFW Post 78 as members attempt to honor every veteran interred in city cemetery. VFW members are asking residents and businesses to sponsor a wreath to honor a veteran during the special ceremony. Residents, businesses. clubs and family members each year purchase a veteran's wreath in honor of or in memory of a loved one who served in the armed forces. Donors can allow the local organization to designate a recipient among those interred at the Romulus cemetery.

Wreaths can be purchased online by visiting: https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ Choose "Local Sponsorship Group" and search "Romulus VFW" or MI0129P.

Volunteers to help place the wreaths

are still needed, the a VFW spokesman said.

Donations can be made in person at Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight's office at City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road.

In 2022, more than 2.7 million veterans' wreaths were placed by volunteers on headstones at 3,702 participating locations around the country in honor of the service and sacrifices made by veterans with each name said out loud.

The Dec. 16 event at the Romulus cemetery will be free and open to the public.

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Inkster - Wayne

Terms of office

New and former mayors thank supporters

Byron H. Nolen

Both incoming Inkster Mayor Byron H. Nolen and former Mayor Patrick Wimberly issued statements this week regarding the election results from Nov. 7.

Nolen received 59 percent of the total vote with 1,662 ballots cast for him. Wimberly, currently under indictment on federal charges of bribery, was the choice of 1,153 voters or 41 percent of the total votes cast in the city.

Nolen, who previously served a term as mayor, thanked the Inkster residents and voters.

"Your commitment to the community is loud and clear, and I appreciate it. I am honored and humbled to again serve as your mayor, and I am ready to use every resource available to help us improve our city. We have work to do, and I am looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and working together. I want to also thank a team of many volunteers that supported and believed in our mission and vision. Your contributions played a crucial role in getting us here.

"As a community we must realize that the fight is not among ourselves. A divided house will fall. We must come together and work towards the common goal of making Inkster a wonderful place to live, work, and play. That is the goal, that is the standard, that is our future," posted on social media.

Wimberly said that it had been his "highest honor thus far in my life to have served the people of my hometown of Inkster as the mayor for the last four years."

He thanked his family and his supporters for standing by him and supporting him "no matter what."

"I'm truly humbled and will always be here for you," Wimberly posted.

He urged Inkster residents to congratulate the incoming candidates and "give them all the support they need to keep moving Inkster forward. That should always be our number one priority," he said.

He added that the people had spoken and urged everyone in the city to get involved and stay involved. He reminded residents that no elected title is necessary to work for a better community.

Growing strong

Members of the Wayne Police Department are continuing to grow facial hair as part of the national Movember Foundation fundraising effort. During the month of November men are encouraged to grow mustaches and beards to raise awareness for men's health. The Movember Foundation on issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, suicide prevention, and mental health. The Movember campaign helps remind police officers that just as they have a duty to protect the community, they also have a duty to protect their own health, an organizer explained. Wayne officers said any contributions would be appreciated. To donate, access https://moteam.co/wayne-pd, and click on the blue Donate to Team button.

Inkster, Romulus men arrested in warrant sweep

Residents of Inkster and Romulus were among nine people arrested last week and charges against several unlicensed builders who allegedly stole money through the state unemployment agency.

The police operation was coordinated with Detroit police and other local law enforcement agencies throughout the state and included a statewide warrant sweep resulting in the arrests. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel said that some of suspects targeted in the warrant sweep have yet to be apprehended.

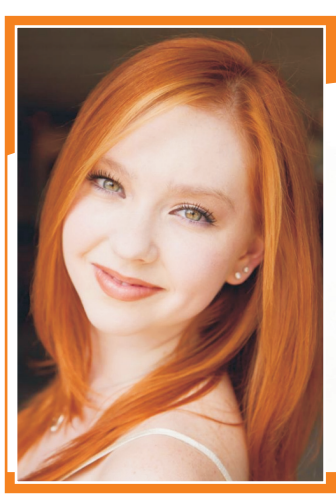
According to Nessel, the unlicensed builders came onto the attorney general's radar after complaints were filed through the state licensing agency. Typically, the complaints alleged the contractor failed to do their job or agreed to do work before being discovered as unlicensed, Nessel said.

"I'm thankful to the many law enforcement agencies and officers who made this successful sweep possible, along with the special agents from my department," Nessel said

"When fraudsters and bad actors harm consumers and Michigan residents, we will pursue justice however and wherever needed," she added.

Arrested were Maurice Mills, 45, of Inkster, for misdemeanor fraud against the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) and Robert Mills, 50, of Romulus, for operating as an unlicensed builder.

Others arrested included: Michael Hill, 66, of Houghton Lake, for operating as an unlicensed residential builder; Darrell Kendrick, 65, of Detroit, for misdemeanor fraud against the UIA; Miroslav Matieska, 49, of Hamtramck, for operating as an unlicensed builder;Eddie Mosely, 54, of Auburn Hills, for misdemeanor fraud against the UIA; Patrice Nolden, 51, of Eastpointe, for misdemeanor fraud against the UIA; Tanya Parker, 48, of Detroit, for misdemeanor fraud against the UIA and Jimmie Turner, Jr., 69, of Berkley, for operating as an unlicensed builder, according to court documents.



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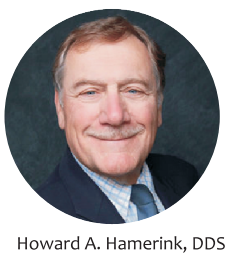

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SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, November 16, 2023
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Cynthia Jankowski, Clerk; Jason Rhines, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Roger Lundberg, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   A. Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved

CLOSED SESSION: Union Negotiation Discussion
As permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.268, Section 8 (C) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing. - Approved

2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   A. Presentation - DTE Representatives - Presented
   B. Landfill Working Committee Report - Presented
3. **Public Hearing:** None
4. **Brief Public Comments:** None
5. **New Business:**
   A. Closed Session Decision - Approved
   B. Supervisor - Consulting Contract - Capital Relations - Approved
   C. Public Svcs - Cunningham-Limp Contract Amendment - Approved
   D. Finance - Budget Amendment #2023-5 - Approved
   E. Finance - Opengov - Approved
   F. Human Resources - PA 152 - Approved
   G. Supervisor - Proposed Real Estate Purchase Agreement - Approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:** None
8. **Check Registry:**
   A. In the amount of $ 5,579,060.25 for the period of October 7, 2023 to November 3, 2023. - Approved
9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   A. Mark Abbo, Cynthia Jankowski, Jason Rhines, Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann, Roger Lundberg, Christopher Roosen, Todd Mutchler
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available November 24, 2023.
Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Cynthia L. Jankowski, Clerk

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

At last

Beloved Karl's Cabin is renovated and reopened

Another chapter in the history of the beloved Karl's Cabin began this week when the restaurant reopened following a devastating fire last February.

It has taken nine months and countless hours of labor to repair the destroyed banquet room and rear of the building and renovate and remodel the rest of the structure, maintaining the atmosphere associated with Karl's for decades. Remediation specialists concentrated their expertise to ensure the restaurant has been returned to the character and atmosphere treasured by diners throughout the area since 1982.

Karl's Cabin officially reopened Tuesday and reservations for dinner are being accepted at the favorite mealtime destination on North Territorial Road in Salem Township. The entire interior of the restaurant has been remodeled and renovated with new furniture and carpet along with a state-of-the art fire alarm and suppression system. All the repairs and restoration were designed to keep the historic charm and atmosphere of the family-owned and operated business intact, including the cleaned and freshly stained ceiling beams and the logs which comprise the outer walls.

Those cabin walls were one of the attractions when Karl Poulos discovered the abandoned tavern on North Territorial Road. He and his wife, Sophia, along with their two sons, Peter and Louis, lived his dream and opened the restaurant in 1982 serving some of his favorite recipes. Following his death, his family has continued operating the restaurant which has grown in popularity for decades.

The menu will include all the comfort foods Karl's has become famous for over the decades, along with some newer dishes and a changing menu of weekly specials, noted Peter Poulos. Karl's will be open daily from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. and from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Sundays. Reservations for lunch and dinner can be made online at karlscabin.com or by phone at (734) 455-8450.

Owners Peter, Sophia and Louis Poulos celebrated the reopening of Karl's Cabin this week.

Canton Club 55+ wins national award, credentials

Canton Club 55+, a center for older adults located in Canton Township, has recently been recognized as a dementia-friendly organization by Dementia Friendly America and is now also a 2023 SAGECare Platinum credentialed provider for programming to LGBTQ+ older adults.

To be acknowledged by Dementia Friendly America, Canton Club 55+ staff completed special training, which provided information on ways to make the experience less difficult for persons living with dementia and their care partners, who utilize their services and facility. This staff training was provided by Dementia Friendly Saline.

In addition, Canton Club 55+ is now a 2023 SAGECare Platinum Credentialed provider for programming to LGBTQ+ older adults. To earn this credential, a minimum of 80 percent of Canton Club 55+ staff completed training that provided an overview of the needs, concerns, and unique history of LGBTQ+ older adults, as well as meaningful steps that staff can take to immediately improve the quality of support and services they provide.

> *Our staff remains committed to fostering a supportive environment for all seniors.*

Canton Club 55+ is one of 19 agencies in the state of Michigan to have achieved this distinction. "Through these training and credentialing opportunities, Canton Club 55+ staff has demonstrated their commitment to serving all older adults in the community by creating an inclusive and non-discriminatory environment," said Jenni Galazka, Canton senior adult specialist. "Our staff remains committed to fostering a supportive environment for all seniors." Canton Club 55+ is located in the Summit on the Park Parkview Room at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Monthly free Blood Pressure screenings are available, which have alerted many seniors to underlying health concerns. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org/476 or call (734) 394-5485.

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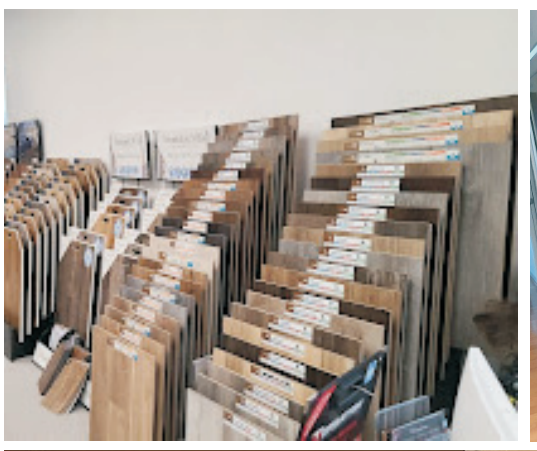
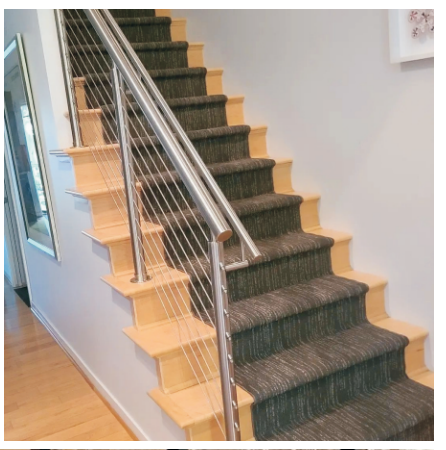

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Sumpter - Westland

New economic development director is named

> We are thrilled to welcome Alex Garza to our team as the Economic Development Director.

In one of his first acts as mayor of Westland, Kevin Coleman appointed former State Rep. Alex Garza as the new Economic Development Director for the city. Garza will play a pivotal part in driving economic growth, fostering community partnerships, and enhancing the overall business environment in Westland, according to an official statement from Coleman's office.

Garza holds degrees in Business Management, Political Science, and Public Policy. Garza served as both mayor pro-tem of the city of Taylor and as a state representative, where he played a pivotal role in shaping policies that positively impacted businesses and local communities, according to the prepared statement.

During his four years on the Michigan House of Representatives committees on Regulatory Reform and Local Government and Municipal Finance, Garza worked towards streamlining regulations and creating an environment that makes it easier for businesses to interact with both state and local governments. His efforts have directly contributed to the growth and success of businesses across the state, the statement noted.

In his new capacity, Garza will collaborate with local businesses, community leaders, and government officials to implement strategic initiatives that align with the economic development goals of the city. His extensive knowledge of legislative processes and community engagement will be instrumental in attracting new businesses, fostering innovation, and strengthening the city's economic foundation, the prepared release said.

"We are thrilled to welcome Alex Garza to our team as the Economic Development Director. His proven track record and passion for fostering business-friendly environments, coupled with his local and state legislative experience, makes him the ideal choice to lead Westland towards a prosperous future. I look forward to the positive impact he will undoubtedly have on the economic landscape of our city," said Coleman.

Garza expressed his enthusiasm for the opportunity, stating, "I am honored to join the city of Westland as the Economic Development Director under the leadership of Mayor Coleman. I am committed to working collaboratively with the community and stakeholders to create an environment that encourages entrepreneurship, investment, economic prosperity, and business development. Together with the community, we will build a thriving and resilient economy for the benefit of all residents."

Rep. Alex Garza

For more information, call (734) 467-3200.

On the job

The City of Westland celebrated the inauguration of new Mayor Kevin Coleman last week, along with newly elected councilmembers and City Clerk Richard LeBlanc who was unopposed in the election. The officials were sworn into office in city council chambers. Coleman became the first new elected mayor in the city in 16 years following the resignation of William Wild. He was the choice of 8,144 voters or 59.01 percent of the total votes cast. Former interim mayor Mike Londeau garnered 5,630 votes or 40.79 percent of the total ballots cast. Administering the oath of office to Coleman was Michigan Supreme Court Justice Kyra Harris-Bolden.

Holiday help

Goodfellows help forms available in township

Applications for Goodfellows food and presents for Sumpter Township residents are available at Sumpter Ace Hardware, the Sumpter Township supervisor's office and at the Sumpter Police Department.

Deadline to turn in applications is Dec. 4, 2023. Pick-ups will be the week of Dec. 16, 2023.

For more information, contact Cathy Sykes at (734) 740-6300.

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